

West's Annotated Code of Maryland
Maryland Rules (Refs & Annos)
Title 16. Courts, Judges, and Attorneys
Chapter 800. Miscellaneous

MD Rules, Rule 16-823

RULE 16-823. JUDICIAL ACTION

Currentness

(a) Ceremony. A judge who performs a marriage ceremony shall include substantially the form of ceremony used by the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the marriage is to be performed. If the parties request, and the judge agrees, the ceremony may include reference to matters not typically found in the clerk's ceremony. A judge may participate in performing a marriage ceremony with another person authorized under Maryland law to perform marriage ceremonies.

(b) License. A judge may not perform a marriage ceremony unless a license has been issued by the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the ceremony is to be performed. A judge who performs a marriage ceremony shall (1) complete the certificate of marriage, (2) provide a copy of the certificate to the parties, and (3) return the completed certificate to the issuing clerk of court for recordation and reporting of the marriage as required by law. A judge who grants a request for the issuance of a marriage license under Code, [Family Law Article, § 2-405 \(d\)](#) also may perform the marriage.

(c) Refusal to Perform Ceremony. A judge may decline to perform a marriage ceremony.

Source: This Rule is new.

Credits

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